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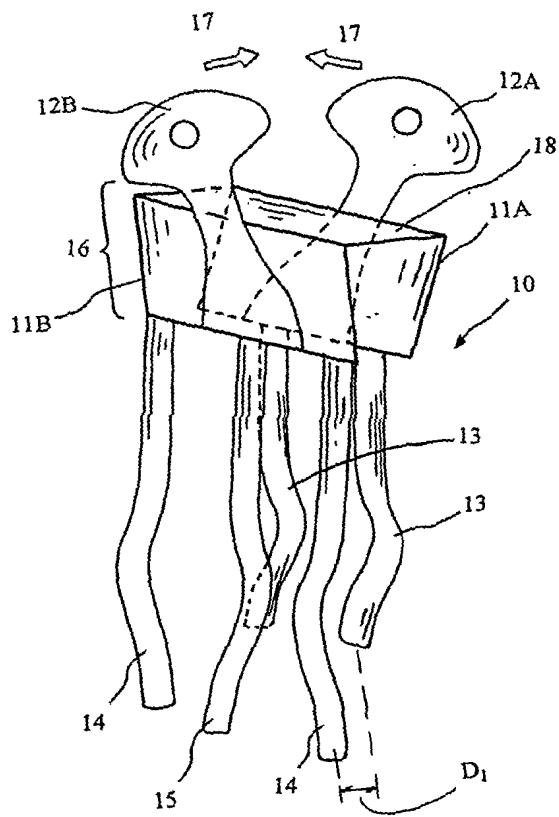
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(57) Abstract: This invention discloses a miniclip (10) apparatus for releasably stabilizing a leaflet (25) onto an aortic artery wall (22) during aortic valve implantation comprising a clip base (18) having a first clip member (11A) consisting of a plurality of first prongs (13) and an opposite second clip member (11B) consisting of a plurality of second prongs (14), wherein the first prongs and the second prongs are sized and configured for releasably clipping and stabilizing the leaflet in conjunction with the aortic artery wall; and an actuator assembly (12) operable using one hand located at the clip base, wherein the first clip member moves away from the second clip member when the actuator assembly is activated.



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